

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1333) expressing support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

## H. RES. 1333

Whereas research has indicated that children who are read to three or four times a week are more likely to recognize the letters of the alphabet, be able to count to 20, and write their own names;

Whereas children's books are instrumental in teaching children to read by providing simple phrases that promote reading techniques, including phonics, and retaining children's interest;

Whereas many teachers use children's books in the classroom as a tool to promote and teach literacy to their students;

Whereas Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally since 1919 and is founded on the declaration that a "great nation is a reading nation";

Whereas Children's Book Week highlights the importance of parents and guardians taking the time to read with their children and encourages libraries, schools, and community organizations to hold events to promote reading; and

Whereas Children's Book Week is recognized May 10 to May 16, 2010: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week; and

(2) encourages parents to read with their children and schools, libraries, and community organizations to hold events to encourage children and students of all ages to read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1333 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1333, a resolution in support of the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week, to be held from May 10 through May 16, 2010.

Children's Book Week is a great time to highlight the importance of reading to our children and our students. Educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have long celebrated children's books and the love of reading.

Since 1919 children's books and Children's Book Week have put an annual spotlight on this vitally important activity for a child's education and cognitive development. Through story-

telling, parties, and author and illustrator appearances, this week helps to encourage a love of reading in our children.

Today, even the very youngest child in America is growing up immersed in media, spending hours a day watching TV and playing video games. Parents and teachers promote better learning for these children when they turn off the TV and pull out a book and either sit with the child and read it or have the child read it on his or her own.

This year, official Children's Book Week events will be hosted in 10 cities and in classrooms, libraries, bookstores, and homes all across this country.

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In addition, the Children's Choice Book Awards will honor important authors who bring their gifts of writing and imagination to our kids.

Madam Speaker, once again I express my support for Children's Book Week and celebrate reading for students of all ages. I thank Representative ROE for introducing this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1333. This resolution supports and honors Children's Book Week, which is in itself a celebration of the written word. And as my colleague so aptly said, today our children are immersed in a multimedia world. I know my grandchildren are unbelievably expert at video games. And I can't tell you how happy I am, how thrilled I am, when I see them sitting with a book.

I was so pleased to see that my oldest grandson followed in the line of his father and grandfather and great grandfather of seeking every available minute to get into the world of literature, to get into the written word, to read these books, going to the point of getting under the covers with a flashlight way after lights out time for bed. I think that's an important part of our children growing up.

I am concerned that many of our children are losing this touch with the written word. So I believe that the Congress expressing our support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week, the written word, is an important statement.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for working with us on these last three resolutions.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1333, a resolution in support of the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1333.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5116, AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1344 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 1344

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. (b) Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution. (c) Each amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. (d) All points of order against amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Science and Technology or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments